

Ravenous Wolf or Confused Sheep? (Part II)

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

John 15:20 (KJV) 



If they won't heed the words of Christ they won't heed us when we quote them either. A person can be sincere, but they can be sincerely wrong. In the end, no matter what the doctrine, we all must submit to God's Word. If a person adamantly refuses to obey the Word after we clearly demonstrate to them their error we must assume that they are wolves. The role of the sheep is to obey the Shepherd. If someone points out to you an error you would be well advised to seek the Lord on the matter. Once again I quote Isaiah:

Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Isaiah 30:8-10 (KJV) 

So the key to discerning between the ravenous wolf and the confused sheep can be summed up in one word: Obedience. Either we heed the Word or we don't. They like to obfuscate the meaning of scripture with esoteric interpretations and such but the truth is that they are rebellious and lying. They refuse the truth.

The so called 'love gospel' is in fact the sheep's clothing that allows the wolf to operate without being discovered. For a group of people so supposedly dedicated to love, compassion and being non-judgmental, you should see the venom that spews forth when you quote some relevant scripture that condemns their behavior. The facade of love quickly falls under the sword of the Spirit. When properly exposed to the light of day it can be seen for what it has become, nothing short of apathy towards sin.

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

1 Corinthians 14:8 (KJV) 

It is in fact this so called 'love gospel' that has served to open the floodgates and allow other apostate teachings in. By not reacting to the ravenous wolves in the body of Christ with the proper alarm and treating them as a danger to the flock it allows these wolves to operate unhindered and bring in other fetid doctrine to flourish and thereby ravage the body of Christ. At its worst, It totally rejects any and all spiritual correction. It is the breeding ground for much error because it refuses to acknowledge our responsibility to God to 'test the spirits' and to be as the Bereans. God's love corrects men, it doesn't allow them to flounder in their bad doctrine and poison others who may have a pure heart but lack discernment.

Some would be tempted to acknowledge the sin in the church but simply dismiss those involved as not being true Christians, as if we should just ignore them. But only God knows who are His and who aren't. Many in fact may

not be Christians, but there are also many who have sincere hearts and have simply fallen into error because of the utter lack of correction in the church, and their own lack of discernment.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:18-20 (KJV) 

God is in fact calling all people out of their sinfulness. None of us have arrived or are above temptation. We need to call sin what it is, but we also need to remember that we are all but sinners saved by grace. So I refuse to simply dismiss those caught up in the spirit of this age as not being in the body of Christ and neglect my responsibility before God to warn them. That is between them and God on judgment day. As the above verse clearly demonstrates we are called to warn all, regardless of their being wicked or righteous.

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2 (KJV) 

I will warn the believer and non-believer, the humble and self-righteous, the confused sheep or ravenous wolf alike. Everyone deserves to be warned, and those who have erred deserve an opportunity to repent. The time is short, we must put aside our fear of offending others, roll up our sleeves and begin this grim task. The Word tells us that many shall be offended in these last days. All the hurts and rejection and persecution must take place, but it will be worth it all when we see His face.

